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STEEL PLANTS SPEED UP OUTPUT

MOSCOW SMELTERS RUN SPEED TESTS -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 76, 1 Apr 49

The Moscow "Serp i molot" Metallurgical Plant is achieving new successes. One young brigade completed two melts by high-speed methods and broke the record by one hour and 25 minutes. Another brigade also completed two melts by high-speed methods and produced more than 5 tons of metal above the quota for every square meter of the furnace sole.

Komsomol workers in the first open-hearth furnace shop have reported the completion of the 1949 first-quarter plan ahead of schedule and the production of 500 tons of high-grade steel above the March plan.

TRANSBAYKAL PLANT SPEEDS PRODUCTION -- Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 32, 16 Feb 49

I. Poltovan, director of the Petrovsk Zabaykalskiy Metallurgical Plant, reports that the steel workers have pledged in 1949 to remove 4.32 tons of steel per square meter of furnace sole, a 10.5-percent increase over the 1948 level. The rolling mill plans to produce 7.5 percent more rolled steel in 1949 than in 1948. Steel and rolling mill workers of the plant in 1948 exceeded the production level set for 1950 and increased labor productivity 25 percent over 1947 and 22 percent above the plan.

Zabaykal'skiy Rabochiy, No 40, 27 Feb 49

A recent meeting of workers at the Petrovsk-Zabaykal'skiy Metallurgical Plant discussed the problem of speeding up the turnover of working capital. The plant realized 10,129,000 rubles in above-plan accumulations in 1948. The workers pledged to accelerate the turnover of working capital by 4 days and to release 3,420,000 rubles of working capital for the State in 1949.

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The plant expects to increase finished goods production by 5,200,000 rubles above the plan, including 5,000 tons of steel and 7,500 tons of rolled metal. Smelting time will be reduced to 8-9 hours. The rolling mill has already completed the February plan. Steel workers completed their plan on 26 February. One steel worker of Furnace No 2 completed a melt in 6 hours, 55 minutes, as compared with the year's average of 9 hours.

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